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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 6, 7 and 12 by replacing them with the like numbered claims hereinbelow. A mark up set of claims is provided at the end of the response to illustrate the changes made herein.

1. (Twice Amended) An ink jet recording method which receives a command and data which indicate a drawing of a thick line or a filled-in area, analyzes the command and the data by an

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